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To the Honorable Judge Kollar-Kotelly:

It is my fervent hope that both the judicial branch and the executive branch (i.e., the office of the Attorney General) will take the Microsoft case seriously, and implement a judgment which will aid in keeping the flow of information, and the formats thereof, freely available. I am a conservative, and I am a Microsoft Windows user as well. I believe in a limited role for government; however, I believe the essence of that limited role is for the government to ensure freedom for the people, which not only encompasses Bill of Rights issues but also includes economic freedom. It is Microsoft's avowed goal to control standards for the Internet and for common file formats; a goal which, if unhindered, will result in anyone who wishes to do business having to pay Microsoft whatever fees it may demand. For there will be no alternative.

Please do everything in your power to protect the future economic freedom of the American people.

Respectfully,

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